Unauthorised mining Job at Panna in Madhya Pradesh

592. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some unauthorised persons or organisations are doing the mining job at Panna in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revenue earned or being earned by the office established under the Ministry is more or less the total cost of the working of the said office;

(c) what are the details of the total diamond stone collected by the said office from District Panna during the year 1994 and what is the value of the diamonds collected and the total expenditure incurred during this year for maintaining the said office;

(d) whether it is also a fact that recently a 256 Ct. diamond has been discovered from the District of Panna by a tribal and the same has been disposed of without the knowledge of Government;

(e) if so, what action has been initiated by Government to recover the same;

(f) whether the diamond office at Panna is not properly testing the diamond brought by the tribals and they also offer very low rate to them; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Government of Madhya Pradesh has denied that any unauthorised person or organisations are doing mining job of diamond in Panna District in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Government of Madhya Pradesh have intimated that the revenue earned by the office of Diamond officer, Panna, Government of Madhya Pradesh is more than the total cost of working of that office.

(c) In 1993-94, the Diamond Office, Panna, Government of Madhya Pradesh received 1356 diamonds weighing 704.65 carats valued at approximately Rs. 55|- lakhs. The above said office during the same period incurred an expenditure of Rs. 14.59 lakhs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of reply to (d) above, question does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) In view of reply to (f) above, quesiton does not arise.

गुजरात में खनिज भंडारों का पता लगाने हेतु सर्वेक्षण

593. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण ने गत दो वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में खनिज भंडारों का पता लगाने के लिए अब तक कोई सवेक्षण किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक किन-किन क्षेत्रों का सर्वेक्षण किया गया है और राज्य में पता लगाये गये खनिज भंडारों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस राज्य मे खनिजों के अन्वेषण/दोहन के लिए किसी विदेशी अभिकरण से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में कब तक अनुमति प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। राज्य मे इस अवधि के दौरान जिन क्षेत्रों का सर्वेक्षण किया गया तथा जिन खनिजों का अन्वेषण किया गया वे

इस प्रकार है :—बनासकंठा जिले में घोंडा, धनपुरा, कंगोरा और दांता क्षेत्रों में रेयर अर्थ एलीमेंट और टिन-टंगस्टन-मोलिब्डेनम जिला भड़ौच में वास्तन और राजपर्दी के बीच के क्षेत्र में लिग्नाइट, जिला जामनगर में जमजोधपुर क्षेत्र में वाल्कोनिक और अलेच पहाड़ियों की संलग्न चट्टानों का स्वर्ण खनिजीकरण; जिला कच्छ में सीमेंट और कैमिकल्स ग्रेड लाइमस्टोन; जिला बनासकंठा में अम्बामाता पोलिमेटेलिक भंडार में ताबा सीसा-जस्ता और जिला बड़ौदा के खडिया क्षेत्र में आधार धातुएं ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Memorandum from M Ps. for revival of mines

594. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers at BGML, Kolar;

(b) what is the gold production at BGML at present;

(c) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Members of Parliament requesting for revival of the mines;

(d) if so, when the memorandum was received; and

(e) what steps are being taken to run these mines efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Bharat Gold Mines Limited at present has 6827 workers and the total production of gold during 1994-95 (upto 30-11-1994) was 405.1 Kilogram.

(c) and (d) Government have recently received memoranda from Members of Parliament.

(e) As per the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies Act, Bharat Gold Mines Limited has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). However the company has on its own taken the following steps to improve efficiency;

(a) Shedding of surplus manpower by implementing Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(b) Cost reduction by various economy measures.

(c) Phasing out of deeper level mines; and

(d) Modernisation of existing plants and machineries.

Setting up of Plants for survey and exploration of minerals

595. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plants set up in Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh for the survey and exploration of Minerals;

(b) whether Government propose to expand these plant or set up new units, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No plants have been set up for survey and exploration. However, Geological Survey of India (GSI) which has its offices in Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Patna and Ranchi